

غرفة ملاحة الاسكندرية

Alexandria on 17th October 2024

Messrs. Members of Alexandria Chamber of Shipping

Dear Sirs,

Within the framework of the close and fruitful cooperation between the Alexandria Port Authority and the Alexandria Chamber of Shipping, we have sent to your kind selves the letter received from Rear Admiral/ Ahmed Hawash, Chairman of the Alexandria Port Authority, in respect of the letter received from the Head of the Quarantine Department in Alexandria advising on updates of the latest international epidemiological situation issued on 22.09.2024. In the said letter, it has been advised the several Countries have been exposed to diseases (Malaria – Zika – Dengue fever – Yellow fever – Marburg) which is feared to enter our Country. The said update has stated examples of these Countries like: (Turkey – Cyprus – Greece – Israel). These diseases are transmitted to humans through carriers of disease (insects like mosquitoes) in light of the instructions issued in this regard (attached).

**<u>Therefore, it is necessary to alert the shipping agencies to abide by the following:</u>

- 1. The necessity to fumigate vessels with the suitable pesticides to get rid of disease carriers once they leave the ports of these affected countries in addition to obtaining a ratified official fumigation certificate confirming that fumigation has been carried out before leaving the port.
- 2. Or the necessity of carrying out the fumigation of vessel at least 400 meters away from the berthing quay upon entry of the Egyptian ports by licensed companies by the Ministry of Health and the Alexandria Port Authority.
- 3. The Quarantine Department are fully prepared to supervise the fumigation process around the clock.

The aforementioned has been sent to your kind selves given its importance.

Kind regards,

Waleed Badr Secretary-General

